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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 30, 2009, the period for response to which has been extended to August 31, 2009 by virtue of the enclosed petition and payment of the required fee, claims 1-4 are submitted for further consideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Hendricks et al. '386, of record, in view of Roberts et al., newly cited. With respect to claims 1 and 3, the PTO is again heard to state that the Hendricks et al. reference discloses every limitation of the claims except for the use of a processor generating a smooth transitional view between at least two of the plurality of cameras, whereby a continuous change of camera angle is provided. The PTO now cites Roberts et al.'s disclosure of a security camera system including cameras having adjacent areas of coverage as providing the missing teaching.

Roberts et al. appear to teach a system in which a plurality of cameras are employed. See Fig. 1. The combined images of the plurality of cameras provide a predetermined overall area of coverage (paragraph 0004). In the Roberts et al. system, a "transition region" is defined between pairs of adjacent cameras (paragraph 0004), such that a target of interest entering such a transition region is imaged by each of the adjacent cameras. An image of the target of interest is provided to an image display monitor 6 (Figure 1; paragraph 0015), and the various transition regions are displayed as "button" regions by the image display monitor (paragraph 0004).